

## Seasonal Events

### Spring:

Shakespeare and Friends: Renaissance Faire -- Celebrate the Renaissance with this two day festival in the Crockett Springs Park in downtown Rogersville. East Tennessee State University Shakespeare Ensemble, a Human Chess Match, storytelling, puppetry, music, period games of skill, demonstrations of period arts and crafts, and a Market Place with merchants' wares. Open Rain or Shine, 10-6 pm both days. Admission \$8 per adult, \$6 per student, and 12 & under are free. Call 423-272-3879 or visit their website at [www.shakespeareandfriends.org](http://www.shakespeareandfriends.org)

### SUMMER:

#### July 4th

Independence Day Festival and Parade -- Historic Rogersville sponsors a huge Fourth of July Celebration, bringing together more than 50,000 people annually. In addition to one of the largest fireworks displays in the Southeast, the festival features a free concert by a country music superstar. Past acts have included John Anderson, Brad Paisley, Tracy Byrd, and many more. In the Rogersville City Park; open rain or shine, all day. Free. For more information, call 423-272-7497.

#### Second Weekend in July

Mount Carmel Block Party -- This street festival kicks-off the regional Fun Fest celebration with a fun-filled event in Mount Carmel. Join street vendors and festival-goers for plenty of opportunities for the whole family. Downtown Mount Carmel. For more information, call 423-357-7311.

#### Labor Day Weekend

Archie Campbell Days -- The citizens of Bulls Gap celebrate their most famous son, the comedian from CBS's variety-comedy show Hee-Haw, with this street festival in downtown Olde Bulls Gap on Labor Day Weekend. Vendors, live music, and much more. Off of Highway 11E on South Main Street. All day. Free. For more information, call 423-235-5216.

### September

Riverfront Festival -- Join the people of Surgoinsville for a street festival in downtown Surgoinsville along the banks of the Holston River. Street vendors and more entice the visitor for a weekend full of exciting times in Hawkins County's second-oldest town. Downtown Surgoinsville. All day. Free. Call 423-345-2213.

### AUTUMN:

#### October

Fall Festival -- Mount Carmel celebrates the arrival of fall with their street festival in downtown. Join vendors, live musicians and more for a great time. Located in downtown Mount Carmel off of Highway 11W near Kingsport. All day. Free. For more information, call 423-357-7311.

#### Second Weekend in October

Hawkins County Heritage Days -- Named a "Top Twenty Event in the Southeast" for October, Heritage Days is one of the most memorable festivals in the region. Crowds of more than 40,000 have taken part of the heritage experience in the past, and each year more and more people learn why Historic Rogersville is one of Tennessee's best kept secrets. Two days, until dark. Downtown Rogersville, off Highway 11W on Main Street. Free. For more information on visiting or obtaining a booth, call 423-272-1961.

WINTER:

First Saturday in December

Rogersville Christmas Parade -- Santa makes his official visit to Rogersville in the town's kick-off of the Christmas season. Parade begins at the Rogersville Middle School off of East Main Street. For more information, call 423-272-2186.

First Sunday in December

Bulls Gap Christmas Parade -- A Christmas parade through downtown Bulls Gap, beginning at Bulls Gap School off North Main Street. For more information, call 423-235-5216.

Second Saturday in December

Surgoinsville Christmas Parade -- A Christmas parade through downtown Surgoinsville down Main Street. For more information, call 423-345-2213.

December

Church Hill Christmas Parade -- A Christmas parade through downtown Church Hill along Mian Boulevard. For more information, call 423-357-6161.

Tour of Homes, Merchant Open House, and Yule Log Ceremony -- An annual tradition in Historic Rogersville includes a celebration for the holidays with a tour of the town's homes and residences that are apart of the National Register of Historic Places, special events and sales as a part of the merchants and businesses in the downtown district, and a traditional lighting of a holiday Yule Log. 423-272-1961